

# Alaska Trauma Registry Calendar July 2001

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## Subsistence Injuries


As you all know, the Alaska Trauma Registry collects information on subsistence related injuries in Alaska. The Indian Health Service and the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health have started a study focusing on subsistence injuries in Alaska.

In the ATR, subsistence injuries are defined as those injuries that occur while the person is fishing (with set net, ice net or fish wheel), trapping, hunting, gathering, or in transit to do any of the above activities. The person also has to either be an Alaska Native or resident of rural Alaska.

From 1991 through 1998 the ATR has information on 118 injuries that occurred during subsistence activities. Looking at subsistence activity, the ATR tells us that hunting had the highest number of injuries with 57 followed by fishing (51), whaling (6), gathering (3), and trapping (1).

Further research using ATR data will look at causes and severity of injury. From this information injury prevention measures can be developed to help decrease the number of these injuries.

*Enclosed is a subsistence injury flowchart to assist in determining if an injury is subsistence related.*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3		5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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